

REMARKS

The application has been amended as needed so as to place it in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

Claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, for indefiniteness. The Primary Examiner's well-taken formal criticisms of these claims were borne in mind as points to be corrected when drafting the new claims. Specifically, new claims 13-26 were drafted in such a manner as to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded by applicants as their invention. When drafting the new claims, great care was taken to ensure that the terms recited therein possessed proper antecedent basis. Moreover, the use of vague, indefinite, or otherwise objectionable expressions was avoided. Thus, new claims 13-26 are believed to set out and circumscribe a particular wire sawing process and device with a reasonable degree of precision and particularity, when read in light of the teachings of the original specification. It is respectfully submitted that a person having ordinary skill in the art would be reasonably apprised of the metes and bounds of new claims 13-26. Accordingly, it is believed that the rejection of claims 1-12 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, has been overcome and should not be applied to any of new claims 13-26.

The Primary Examiner had kindly indicated that claims 1-12 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 USC §112, second paragraph.

By the present amendment, as was pointed out above, it is believed that the same has been effected.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, therefore, it is believed that this application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance on the basis of new claims 13-26 are accordingly earnestly solicited.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this amendment or to the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that the prosecution of this application may be expedited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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